

**Environmental Protection Fund**

1441. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are working on establishing an environment protection fund based on the principle that the pollutor contributes to the fund in proportion to its level of pollution;

(b) whether Government have decided to hike funds for water and soil conservation by 15.25 per cent; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the scheme and the thrust areas where additional sources would be utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) The concept of an environment protection fund at the national level is at a nascent stage.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**National Board for Medicinal Plants**

1442. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

SHRI ANANTA SETHI:

SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had a proposal to set up a National Board for Medicinal Plants;

(b) if so, the main objective of setting up this Board;

(c) the specific steps proposed to be taken by Government to regulate herbal products in the country; and

(d) if answer to part (a) above be in the negative, whether Government would consider formation of a Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH